Minutes Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee Meeting May 5, 2014

Members Present

Senator Stan Bingham Senator Rick Gunn Senator Neal Hunt Senator Shirley Randleman Representative Julia Howard, Chair Representative Becky Carney Representative Bryan Holloway Representative Pat Hurley Representative David Lewis Representative Marvin Lucas Representative Tim Moffitt Representative Edgar Starnes

Call to Order

Representative Julia Howard, Chair, called the meeting to order.

Representative Lewis moved to approve the April 30, 2014 Minutes. Motion carried.

Presentation of Bill Drafts:

Bill Draft Recommended by the Subcommittee on Volunteer Fire and Rescue Finance Based Four Program Evaluation Division Reports:

- Improved Oversight of Volunteer Fire Department Fund and Volunteer Rescue/EMS Fund Needed; \$8 Million Surplus Found
- Department of State Treasurer Should Strengthen Its Oversight of the Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Pension Fund
- Revenue and Cost Trends Indicate Deficit in Volunteer Safety Workers' Compensation Fund in FY 2020–21
- Local Boards and Associations Administer Firefighters' and Rescue Squad Workers' Relief Funds with Limited State Oversight

Representative Howard recognized the following for comments:
Rose Vaughn Williams, Legislative Counsel, Department of Insurance
Kevin Moore, North Carolina State Firemen's Association
Gordon Joyner, Executive Director, North Carolina Association of Rescue and EMS
Sam Watts, Office of State Treasurer

Senator Bingham moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried.

Bill Drafts Recommended by the Subcommittee on Education Funding Options:

- 1. Charter School Preliminary Approval Process—Representative moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried.
- 2. Clarify Charter School Application Process—Senator Bingham moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried
- NC Virtual Public School courses/Non-Public School Students—Senator Bingham moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Representative Lucas voted No. Motion carried.

4. Open Enrollment/Homeschool Pilot—Representative Holloway moved to postpone action on this draft. Motion carried.

Bill Drafts Prepared at the Instruction of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee as Recommended by the Program Evaluation Division:

- Performance Measurement and Monitoring Would Strengthen Accountability of NC Driver Education Program—Senator Bingham moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried.
- Improved Administrative Monitoring by the Department of Public Instruction Can Save Over \$19 Million Annually—Representative Lewis moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Representative Lucas voted No. Motion carried.
- 3. North Carolina needs to Strengthen Its System for Monitoring and Preventing the Abuse of Prescribed Controlled Substances—Representative Lucas moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried.

Bill Drafts Prepared at the Instruction of the Joint Legislative Program Evaluation Oversight Committee in Response to State Auditor Reports:

- 1. Use of Interest Earned on State Grants to Non-Profits—Representative Hurley moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried.
- Restricting "Revolving Door" Employment of State Employees by Contractors and Regulated Industries—Senator Randleman moved to accept the bill draft and recommend it for introduction. Motion carried.

Adjournment

With no further business, the committee adjourned.

Senate Chair, Senator Fletcher Hartsell

House Chair, Representative Julia Howard

